

Cadillac-Manistee ranger Station  
Proposed Special Use Permit

On January 12, 1994, Forest Supervisor Stephen Kelley made a decision to authorize Consumers Energy to construct and maintain a warning siren in the SE1/4 of Section 28, T22N, R14W (West Part of Dickson Township), Manistee County, Michigan. The intent of the siren was to notify the public if a concern arose over a catastrophic failure of Tippy Dam. The siren is solar powered and mounted on a single power pole. The siren is tested at least once per year. A Proposed Action Analysis was conducted prior to issuance of the original permit.

On December 12, 2007, Cadillac-Manistee District Ranger Jim Thompson made a decision to amended the permit to include an additional warning siren in Section 23 of T22N, R13W (East Part of Dickson Township), Manistee County, Michigan. The intent of the siren was to notify the public if a concern arose over a catastrophic failure of Hodenpyl Dam. Consumers Energy proposes to continue maintenance of the sirens to help ensure the safety of recreation public in the area.

The proposal is to issue a 20-year special use permit to Consumers Energy for the continued location, operation, and maintenance of two existing warning sirens on National Forest System lands on the Cadillac-Manistee Ranger District. The permit will allow for the continued location of solar powered warning sirens on single power poles that occupy approximately 0.1 acre of National Forest System (NFS) lands each. No new ground disturbing activities or disturbance outside the existing authorized area will occur. The new permit would expire on December 31, 2030. Consumers Energy will be required to pay an annual special use fee since they do not qualify for a fee waiver in accordance with 36 CFR 251.57(b).

No new activities are proposed and no new ground disturbing activities would occur. After review of the new information, the District specialists determined that endangered, threatened, and sensitive species, and cultural resources would not likely be impacted by reissuance of the special use permit. The issuance of this special use permit will not impact wetlands or floodplains, Congressionally designated areas, RNAs, threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat, or religious or cultural sites. This has been verified by District specialists.

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